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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. KING FAISAL WARNS THE US

KING FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS WARNED OUR AMBASSADOR AND THE PRESIDENT OF ARAMCO THAT IT IS NOW IMPERATIVE THAT THE US DO SOMETHING TO CHANGE THE PRESENT TREND OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EMBASSY JIDDA REPORTS. THE KING ARGUED THAT A SIMPLE DISAVOWAL OF ISRAELI POLICIES AND ACTIONS WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD QUIETING ANTI- AMERICAN FEELING. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE WOULD DEFINITELY BE A SAUDI REACTION PUNITIVE TO US INTERESTS SHOULD THERE BE A RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. (SECRET) JIDDA 1891, 1909, 5/8 (EXDIS).

2. THE SITUATION IN LEBANON

A. A THIRD CEASE- FIRE BREAKS DOWN. . .

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EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTED AT 0600 EDT THAT THE MOST RECENT CEASE- FIRE IS NOT HOLDING, AND THE RESULT IS A " FLUID" SITUATION. THE EMBASSY CONFIRMS PRESS REPORTS AND A LEBANESE ARMY COMMUNIQUE WHICH INDICATE WIDESPREAD ATTACKS ON LEBANESE ARMY UNITS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. THE BEIRUT AIRPORT IS CLOSED. ALL AMERICANS, HOWEVER, ARE REPORTED TO BE SAFE. (CONFIDENTIAL) OPERATIONS CENTER TELECON WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT; UPI 047 A; FBIS 13, 14, 5/9.

B. . . . AND EGYPT FOLLOWS A TWO- TRACK POLICY

THE US INTERESTS SECTION IN CAIRO REPORTS THAT EGYPT STILL APPEARS TO BE MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO CALM THE CRISIS IN LEBANON, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME GIVING VERBAL SUPPORT TO THE PALESTINIANS. THE INTERESTS SECTION BELIEVES THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO FORESTALL THE POSSIBILITY OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF THE FEDAYEEN, A MOVE WHICH EGYPT FEARS WOULD INVITE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION WHICH WOULD IN TURN PUT STRONG PRESSURE ON EGYPT TO INTERVENE. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 1380, 5/9. ROGERS

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